

Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

Thursday, September 17

The Honorable Mike Pompeo
Secretary of State
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Dear Secretary Pompeo,

We are grateful to you and President Trump for your leadership in ensuring that Iran is never able to obtain a nuclear weapon. Iran, the world's greatest state-sponsor of terrorism, is directly responsible for killing hundreds of Americans and seeks to wipe Israel, our greatest ally in the region, off the face of the map.

As part of the disastrous Iran deal, which was agreed to by the Obama Administration, the UN Arms Embargo will expire in less than a month allowing Iran to purchase weapons from China and Russia. We applaud you for your persistent efforts to extend the arms embargo in the UN Security Council, including exercising the United States legal right under international law to issue snap back sanctions against Iran. Reinstating the arms embargo against Iran which was permanent before Obama's nuclear deal should be a matter of common sense. Even Secretary of State John Kerry had affirmed on multiple instances that the US would be allowed such sanctions as part of the agreement.

Unfortunately, the UN Security Council has engaged in unprecedented obstruction, with the August and September Security Council Presidents, Indonesia and Niger, blocking even the consideration of the U.S. complaint made on August 20, 2020. Such obstruction not only undermines peace and security and risks dangerous proliferation to Iran, it also unexpectedly risks negating the United States veto power in the UN Security Council.

Both Indonesia and Niger are recipients of generous amounts of U.S. foreign assistance, \$80 and \$34 million respectively. Thus, it was deeply disappointing to see both countries block even consideration of the United States' complaint. President Trump has rightly pointed out that U.S. foreign assistance should bear in mind country voting patterns and behaviors at the United Nations. We agree with President Trump that countries' voting records should be considered when making decisions about foreign assistance. As members of the Republican Study Committee, our caucus recently released a report which both called for exercising the United States' right to snap back sanctions on Iran and endorsed President Trump's stance on tying aid to voting patterns at the UN.

The United States must always put America first and stop giving blank checks to countries which undermine U.S. interests and vote against us at the UN. We request that you meet immediately with both the governments of Indonesia and Niger, and if they continue this behavior in the

future to consider possibly reviewing U.S. assistance to both countries. This includes whether some reductions in assistance would be in U.S. interests. We look forward to hearing from you on this matter.

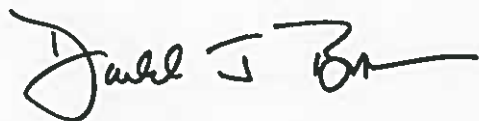
Sincerely,



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